

Dominic's Tree

Key Word: **Commandment**

Key Verse: "You shall love with all your soul, and with all your mind." *Matthew 22:37*

Dominic was a baby owl who lived in a big, old oak tree, right in the middle of the woods. He loved his big, old oak tree, and he loved to watch his mother as she flew overhead searching the ground for Dominic's next meal.

Dominic began to grow. His feathers grew warm, soft, and fluffy. He would fluff them up and spread his wings, just to see what it felt like. The old tree felt very safe.

One evening Dominic's mother said to him, "Tonight you must come hunting with me."

Dominic didn't want to leave his branch on the tree, he didn't want to fly, and he certainly didn't want to hunt. After all, the best part of his day was when his mother returned from a hunting expedition and shared with him. All of that would stop if Dominic had to hunt for himself. And, he didn't want to leave his favorite tree. So he refused to leave with her.

For the first time ever, his mom didn't return that night. Dominic was so hungry. He called and called for his mother, and at last she came with his breakfast. Dominic gobbled the food, and then he said to his mother, "I hate you."

Dominic's mother said, "I love you, but you must learn to hunt for yourself.

And you must learn to leave this tree. It isn't safe."

That night after his mother left, the wind became very strong and the tree's branches were making creaking noises. Suddenly his mother came up behind him and pushed him so that he had to use his wings to keep from falling. Suddenly he felt great! He could fly!

Just then the old tree cracked in half and crashed to the ground. He heard his mother beside him. "Come on, Dominic," she said. "I know of a wonderful tree where we'll both be safe and we'll both be welcome. Come with me."

"You knew the tree wasn't really safe, didn't you?" asked Dominic.

His mother nodded. "I've been around the forest for a long time," she said.

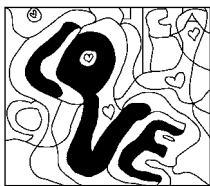
"But I've been so mean to you," admitted Dominic.

His mother looked at him with wide eyes, then blinked twice. "But I love you," she said.

Questions

1. Why did Dominic say he hated his mother?
2. Do you ever say things that you know hurt people's feelings?

- Picture Differences
1. Flower on wall
 2. Colored bow
 3. Shirt sleeve
 4. Missing window
 5. Heart on quilt
 6. Colored wall
 7. Colored flower



Shade In The Space

ANSWERS

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Fallen Letter Puzzle

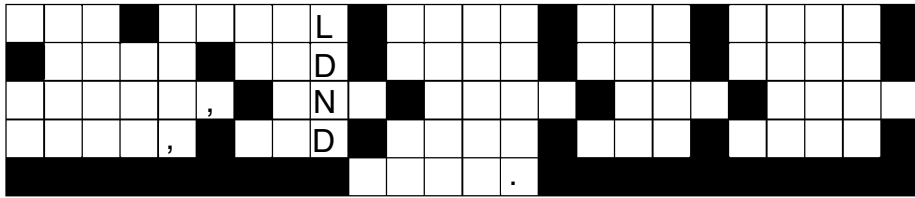
Gospel Grans

Today's Gospel Story is from
Matthew 22:34-46



Fallen Letter Puzzle

Place one letter from each column into the spaces above to rebuild the words. The phrase is a verse from today's Gospel story, Matthew 14:34-46. One column has been done for you!

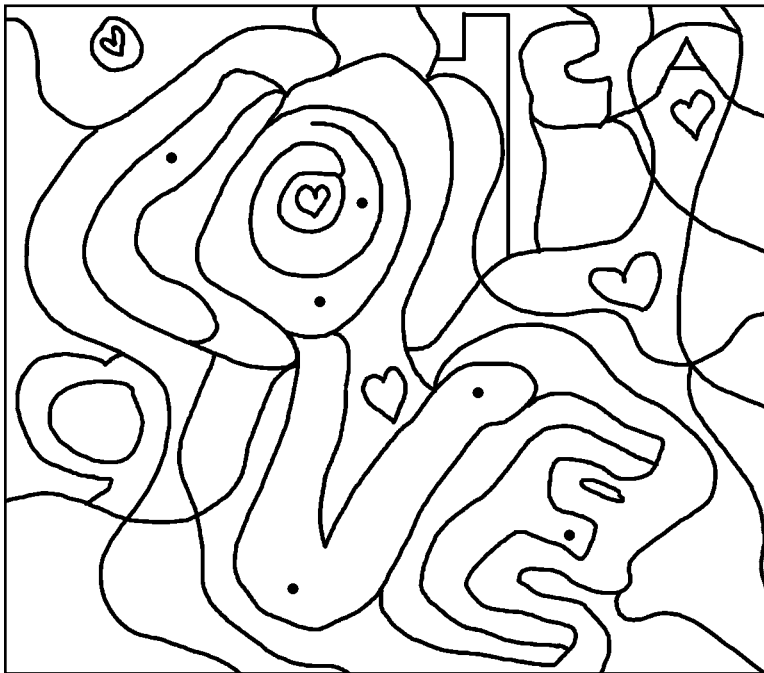


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Shade In The Space

Color in all the spaces with a black dot. What do you see?



Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are seven differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back.

